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The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

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Proper of the Mass

First Reading: Duet 8:2-3, 14-16 **Second Reading:** 1 Cor 10:16-17 **Gospel:** Jn 6:51-58

JESUS, THE HOLY COMMUNION WE SHARE

Though we are many, we all eat from one loaf of bread and drinking from one cup, showing that we are one body. We are united by drinking and eating the sacrifices at the altar. "To Share" translates the Greek word *koinonia*, which comes to us from Latin as "*communion*." Similarly, the bread we break and eat, and drinking from the Chalice is "sharing in the body and blood of Christ." So it is surely true that the Eucharist we celebrate is a time for us to experience deep fellowship with Christ.

Our sharing in the body and blood of Christ through the Eucharist is also an experience of our deep unity as Christ's disciples. Communion forges a new community of disciples, one that Jesus himself prayed would be profoundly one, even as he is one with the Father. So, when we celebrate, we celebrate our communion with Jesus and with each other through him.

The Eucharist we share is our life. The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch (CCC 1324).

For the early Christians, continuing to share this meal together was a reminder of Jesus' covenant of love and closeness; a reminder that they would share this meal together again. Remembering what Jesus had done for them and how much He loved them was the reason they did not grow weary and lose heart. They faced immense persecution, were imprisoned, tortured, rejected, exiled, and eventually put to death.

Sharing this meal is a reminder of the suffering of Christ and the covenant of His selfless love. When we share in communion together, we, too, remember His selfless love poured out on the cross for our sin and shame. We remember the depths He plummeted in dying on the cross. We remember His triumphant victory over death! We remember we, too, are victorious through Him, no matter what we face in life.

When we share in communion, we remember God's immense love for us and His vast love for the whole body of Christ. Christ dwells within us, and He will never leave us.

The moment after which we receive the body and blood of Christ should be a treasured moment in which each soul is invited to be consumed by Christ whom we received. In other words, the act of receiving Holy Communion is not just the physical act we do, it must also become something God does in us. We must choose to not only consume our Lord, we must also allow Him to consume us with His Mercy. There is no better time to do this than the moments after receiving this priceless Gift. This is accomplished by making our lives an oblation to God.

Let us ponder these questions and commit ourselves to this depth of offering. What was that experience like? Did we have a complete focus on what we are doing? Did we offer ourselves to our Lord as an oblation of love? Did we place ourselves into the hands of our Lord in a sacrificial way? Did we allow our Lord to consume us with His merciful love? If we do, The Holy Communion we share will become the greatest act of Mercy in our lives.

This weekend some of our sisters and brothers will celebrate the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA); they will be baptised, confirmed and will be joining us sharing at the table of the Lord. We welcome them, we congratulate them, and we pray that the good Lord will continue to keep them in His Love.

HAPPY CORPUS CHRISTI
Fr. Ejikeme

Celebrating our Diverse Faith at Stella Maris

Next **Sunday, June 18th at 11am** is the Multicultural Mass. Mark it in your diary! Everyone is invited! The gathering divided into two groups with one concentrating on the liturgy and working towards ensuring that the Mass will be a reflection of the colour, movement and diversity of our Parish Family and our Catholic faith and traditions. The second group looked at the daunting challenge of the food and cultural extravaganza that will take place around Stella Maris Church immediately after the Mass. Our hope is for everyone to share in the culinary uniqueness and musical traditions of the many groups that make up our Parish. Now, if we are expecting over 400 at the Mass, that is a lot of dance and a lot of food!!! We invite and encourage **ALL** parishioners from all churches specially those who have come from abroad to contact Trish Harding tharding4173@gmail.com to see how you can be involved. The Mass is open to all to celebrate our diversity.



The Voice

Our chance to find out more locally about the coming referendum. Information sessions on the Voice from Sunshine Coast Reconciliation Group Inc. **Maleny Community Centre** Thursday 15th June 9:30 – 11:30 am. **Kawana Community Hall** Friday 16th June 6:00 pm – 8:pm. All welcome. More information is on our website under latest parish news. <https://caloundracatholicparish.net/latest-parish-news/>

Alpha, Save the dates

After another very successful Alpha course, which is concluding next week, we are now opening a further 2 courses beginning in July. There will be an Alpha course commencing on Tuesday evening 11th July at 6pm and one on Friday 14th July commencing at 8.45am. We will also offer one at Landsborough if we have sufficient interest. For any further enquiries please email the Parish Office caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au



Only 2 weeks to go! The Sunshine Coast Homeless Need Our Help

On June 22nd, Dan McShea (Principal of Unity College), Michael Steward (Principal of OLR Primary School), and I will be once again roughing it in the cold and (hopefully not) wet. This winter we're sleeping out with other community leaders on Maroochydore Beach to not only raise money for people experiencing homelessness, but raise awareness of their plight. Homelessness can affect anyone - women, men, and even children. The good news though is that together, we *can* make a significant difference!

Please support us during the Vinnies CEO Sleepout; your donation will help the St Vincent de Paul Society empower more people to get off the streets and into stable accommodation. Vinnies provides counselling, education, health and employment services to help people to lift themselves out of the cycle of poverty.

Every donation is meaningful. Just fifty dollars can provide a whole family with a warm, nutritious meal this winter. The other good news is that like last year, your donations will stay local, directly helping people in the Sunshine Coast. Please help us raise funds by clicking on the link below.

Thank you so much; your generosity is truly appreciated. Fr Josh

<https://www.ceosleepout.org.au/fundraisers/frjoshuawhitehead/queensland>

Name Badges

Do you have a badge? If you do don't forget to wear it to mass. If you don't have a badge and would like One, please email the parish office with your name and phone number. The badges cost \$5 each please specify if you want a pin or magnet backing caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au

Sunshine Singer's Performance

On Saturday June 17th, commencing at 2.30pm, 'St Andrew's Musical Afternoon'

Will be presenting the Amber Trio; Sirin a 6 voice a-capella; a recorder ensemble 'Corder Ballet', and the newly formed Sunshine Coast Dementia choir, Sunshine Singers. This will be the choirs debut performance and will be held at St Andrews Anglican Church, Caloundra. Afternoon tea will be provided. Admission free but donations appreciated, contact Ann 0416921963 for further information.

Congratulations to the 64 children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday night. Please continue to keep them and their families in your prayers as they continue to experience the gift of the Holy Spirit. Also a special thanks to the Sacramental Team - Kelli, Sarah, Justine, Julie & Fr Francis who guided and supported the children through the program.

In Transition

As a parish family we welcome **Zoe Gort** who will be baptised in our Parish this weekend. We also welcome **Lucy Segger, Stuart Main, Ashley Wright, Nicole Lude, Melissa Dagan & Jenna Kramer** who will be baptised/Confirmed and receiving their First Holy Communion this weekend.

We pray for **Joan Hall & James McGovern** who died last week and their funerals will be at G&W Thursday 1pm & Friday 10am respectively, may thier souls and the souls of our deceased priests, religious and parishioners

Rest in Peace.

150th Anniversary of the Cathedral of St Stephen

The Archbishop has launched a year of celebration for the 150th anniversary of the Opening and Blessing of the Cathedral of St. Stephen. There will be a number of celebrations throughout the next twelve months.

This month of June we will be celebrating the story of Ordinations in the Cathedral.

Parishioners are invited to attend **10am Mass on Wednesday, June 28th**, at the Cathedral as we celebrate and acknowledge all those who have been ordained in the Cathedral throughout its history. Archbishop Coleridge will preside and refreshments will be provided afterwards. Come along and give thanks for the gift of service of the ordained ministers of our local church. Stay tuned for news about more commemorations over the course of this year-long celebration.

*We acknowledge the
First people of the land
on which we celebrate
our Eucharist and
live out our faith.*

Activities for the week at Maleny church

Tuesday 13 June

- Maleny SVDP meeting in the Pat Daley Centre at 10am

Wednesday 14 June

- Maleny cards at 6.00pm in the Pat Daley Centre.

Sunday 18 June

- Maleny sausage sizzle following the 9.00am Mass.

To be a Christian
without prayer is no
more possible than to
be alive without
breathing.

Martin Luther

Parish Diary

Monday 12 June

Mass (OLR) 9am
Adoration (OLR) 9.30am

Tuesday 13 June

Mass (OLR) 9am
Rosary (OLR) 9.30am
Exposition (Maleny) 8.30am
Mass (Maleny) 9am

Wednesday 14 June

Mass (UNITY) 7.50am
School Liturgy (OLR) 9am
Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

Thursday 15 June

Mass (OLR) 9am
Rosary (OLR) 9.30am

Mass (Currimundi) 9.30am

Friday 16 June

Mass (OLR) 9am
Mass (Landsborough) 9am

Saturday 17 June

8.30am (OLR) Reconciliation
Mass (OLR) 9am

Vigil Mass

Mass (OLR) 5pm
Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

Sunday 18 June

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass (OLR) 6.30am
(Landsborough) 7am

Mass (Unity) 8am
Mass (Kawana) 8am
Mass (Maleny) 9am

Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am

Mass (OLR) 9.30am
Mass (Lt Mt) 10.30am

Mass (Unity) 5pm

Reconciliation

Saturday Morning at
OLR Church 8.30am

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Mass go to the Caloundra
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Are you Musically Gifted?

One of opportunities in a parish such as ours, with 11 Sunday Masses, is that there are many different ways to serve in ministry. Perhaps one of the most important ministries is people using their skills, gifts and talents to lead our musical worship. We have a rich history of highly skilled musicians – particularly organists – in our parish and we are and continue to be indebted to them for their faithful service over many, many years. Several of our long-serving musicians are retiring at this time and so there is great need for people who are musically gifted to step into service in this important ministry.

Can you play the piano, organ, guitar or any other instrument that could lead and accompany music ministry at Mass?

This is a fantastic opportunity to put the "Yes Prayer" into action. Please email or call the office

caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au 5430 9390

with your contact details and a member of the

Worship Ministry Leadership Team will be in touch.

Thank you for your ministry.



OLR Parish Activities

Please note if you are looking for an activity or something that is happening in and around our Parish please feel free to go to our website to see what is happening.

If it is not in our newsletter each week doesn't mean it's not on.

These are activities that go on every week.

If you are involved or regularly go to that group you will know it is on.

If you wish to know more about these groups or contact details please go to our website for more information. Across the top you will see **What's On**

www.caloundracatholicparish.net/whats-on/

Lectio Divina: Mark's Gospel Bible Study - 14 Sessions

Commencing 8:00-9:30am on Thursday 22 June at Kawana Good Shepherd Centre, Nanyima St, Buddina (opp. Kawana Library & Centrelink). Only 10 spaces available.

Registration is free but an \$18 donation would be appreciated to go towards the work book.

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